

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 1. An apparatus for blocking wind, the apparatus comprising
2 a flexible sheet having a length;
3 a plurality of rods, each having a length, coupled at intervals along the length
4 of the flexible sheet, wherein the rods are disposed with the rods substantially parallel to each
5 other, and wherein the rod lengths are substantially normal to the sheet length.
- 1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheet includes a fabric material.
- 1 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheet includes a plastic material.
- 1 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a rod includes metal.
- 1 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a rod includes plastic.
- 1 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the flexible sheet has a width that is
2 perpendicular to the direction of the flexible sheet's length, wherein the length of a rod is
3 substantially the same size as the width of the flexible sheet.
- 1 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rods are fixedly coupled to the
2 flexible sheet.
- 1 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rods are detachably coupled to
2 the flexible sheet.
- 1 9. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising
2 an attachment mechanism at the end of a first rod for receiving a second-tier
3 rod to produce a rod combination along the direction of the length of the first rod.
- 1 10. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising
2 a dual receiving mechanism attached to the attachment mechanism at the end
3 of the first rod for allowing multiple second tier rods to be attached to the first sheet.

1 11. A method for dispensing a wind screen, wherein the wind screen
2 includes a flexible sheet of material having a length and a width, wherein stakes are attached
3 at intervals to the sheet so that the stakes are perpendicular to the length of the flexible sheet,
4 the method comprising
5 forming the wind screen into a roll;
6 unrolling at least a portion of the wind screen; and
7 separating the at least a portion of the unrolled wind screen from the rolled
8 wind screen.

1 12. An apparatus for securing a windscreen to a supporting stake, the
2 windscreen including first and second rods attached to a flexible material, the stake suitable
3 for being vertically supported by ground, the apparatus comprising
4 first and second attachment portions for attaching the first and second rods so
5 that the rods are held adjacent and substantially parallel to each other; and
6 a third attachment portion coupled to the first and second attachment portions,
7 wherein the third attachment portion allows mounting of the apparatus to the stake.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and second rods are held
2 by the apparatus in a position above, and substantially parallel to, the stake.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and second rods are held
2 by the apparatus substantially in-line with a length of the stake.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the apparatus is integral with the
2 stake.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the apparatus is removably coupled
2 to the stake.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein an attachment portion includes a
2 hole for receiving an end of a rod.